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RE: APPEAL TO CLOSING OF BADGER, IOWA POST OFFICE

We heard last week on national news that the Congress had postponed until May of 2012 the closing of post offices. Now, we receive notification that the post office in Badger, Iowa will close on January 21, 2012. What is going on???

Have you considered the petition to retain the Badger Post Office with 303 signatures?

It is no wonder the post office is in trouble when you keep a post office in Clare, Iowa open—population 190 and only 18 post office boxes and at the same time close the Badger, Iowa Post Office with 189 post office boxes and a population of 600. This is not financial responsibility.

We, for one, are planning to be gone for three months, **leaving next week, December 29**. We have made arrangements to have our mail forwarded as long as possible and then our neighbor to pick up our mail the remaining time while we are gone.

What are we to do now? If no post office:

How do we get mail forwarded?

We have no mail box or cluster boxes.

Because of cold weather, how can mail boxes or cluster boxes be put in when it is so cold, there would be a problem putting in cement.

How do we notify people of change of address when we are gone?

If we're not here, who would put in a mail box if we do indeed end up with mail boxes?

Who decides if we get cluster boxes or mail boxes and when?

When do we get a new address and when do we have to start using it?

How do we notify business places, magazines, newspapers, etc. that we no longer have a post office when we are gone for 3 months?

How can we be sure we get all the documents needed for doing our taxes?

You have no idea how stressful this is to us and others like us. Do we have to delay leaving until we know what is going to happen? Are you going to pay the rent on the place we have rented if we aren't able to be there as planned?

Please reconsider closing Badger post office at all, and if it will happen eventually anyway, please delay until May. That will make it so much better for those of us who will be gone for several months. By May the ground would be suitable for installing either cluster boxes or individual mail boxes.

Please have consideration for those who have been patrons of the Badger Post Office for many, many years.

PLEASE, PLEASE DON'T CLOSE BADGER, IOWA POST OFFICE. IF YOU ARE GOING TO DO IT ANYWAY, PLEASE WAIT UNTIL AT A LATER DATE.

Sincerely,

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